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SUBJECT: TFHA01: SLOVENIAN OFFER OF ASSISTANCE TO HAITI

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[1](#)B. STATE 4854

1.(SBU) On January 22, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Division for North and Latin America and the Caribbean Minister Plenipotentiary Barbara Susnik confirmed that Slovenia donated 50,000 Euros towards the Haiti relief effort. These funds will be channeled through the ICRC. Slovenia is also donating 25 tents that will be able to house up to 300 individuals. The Ministry of Defense's (MOD) Administration for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief confirmed that the tents will be dispatched to Haiti through Austria the weekend of January 23-24. The tents are valued at 70,000 Euros and are manufactured to be used for an extended period of time following a major natural disaster. Slovenia's offers of assistance to date including the funds, tents and transportation costs are valued to be at least 135,000 Euros. (Note: the MOD and MFA offered different estimates for the transportation costs. Post is reporting the lower estimate).

2.(SBU) Susnik told Pol-Econ Chief that Slovenia very much appreciated U.S. and UN efforts to address the crisis. Per reftel instructions, Pol-Econ Chief thanked Slovenia for its contributions to date and asked Slovenia to keep the United States informed of its future plans to assist Haiti. According to Susnik, the Government of Slovenia (GOS) is prepared to consider additional contributions, but will wait for an interim assessment to better understand Haiti's future needs. As a result, Slovenia plans to actively participate in the international donor community's discussions on next steps. The GOS intends to focus its future assistance on Haiti's most vulnerable populations -- according to the MFA, this likely means that Slovenia will focus on helping children.

[1](#)3. (U) The Head of the MFA's Development Department Alenka Suhadolnik is Slovenia's point-of-contact on all Haiti assistance matters. Post will continue to actively coordinate with Slovenia on its assistance plans to Haiti's earthquake relief efforts.

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